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Delaware Board of Medical Practice Licensees/Healthcare Facilities

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SUBJECT:

RENEWAL ALERT - *REVISED

The Delaware Division of Professional Regulation has become aware that a number of Board of Medical Practice Licensees have submitted renewal applications that we have not yet received. We are in the process of determining the cause of this problem.

We recognize that receiving a renewed license is critical to our licensees as well as the citizens of Delaware. Please be advised that, according to the <u>Delaware Code</u> (29 *Del. C.* § 10132):

(a) Whenever an application is made to renew a license or for a new license for an activity of a continuing nature, the activity does not become illegal until the application has been finally denied by the agency.

Therefore, if a licensee has submitted a renewal application but has not yet received a renewed license, he or she may continue to practice.

All Board of Medical Practice Licensees who have submitted renewal applications, but have not received renewed licenses, must immediately contact the Division of Professional Regulation, Board of Medical Practice at (302) 744-4507 or (302) 744-4520.

The Division endeavors to process all renewal applications promptly and accurately. Please be assured that we are vigorously investigating why these renewal applications did not reach us and will take measures to prevent recurrence of this problem.

We sincerely regret any inconvenience this situation may have caused.

*This Renewal Alert is updated to include all Board of Medical Practice Licensees who have submitted a renewal application.